

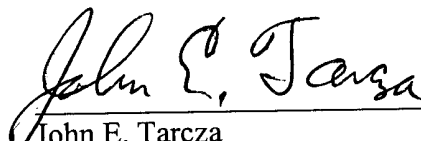
of Group III. If the examiner is referring to the viral coat protein, this is a deminimus example and a frivolous use for the claimed RNA molecule. If one wished to produce natural viral coat protein, one would obviously use the natural virus rather than the artificial construct of the present invention.

The only example given by the examiner is not a practical alternative use that uses the unique claimed properties of the claimed product. Such a use is no more substantial than using the virus as a molecular weight standard. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, at least with respect to Groups II and III and substantive examination of claims 5-11 together, is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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